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August 9, 2004

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company for approval of the issuance of long-term debt securities in an amount not to exceed \$52 million in principal, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14 and § 17A. In addition, the Company seeks an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements of G.L. c. 164, §§ 15 and 15A, D.T.E. 03-82

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing please find four (4) copies of the Attorney General's Motion for Clarification or, in the Alternative, Reconsideration together with a certificate of service.

Very truly yours,

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